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Want Information About Big Sandy River.

A Letter From the Special Board Asks Coal People and Others to Write Opinions.

The following letter has been received by some of our citizens and its importance will be evident to all who read it. We hope the citizens of the Big Sandy valley will give this matter their prompt and earnest attention.

No greater calamity could befall us in a business way than to have the proposed improvement of the Big Sandy abandoned. The railroads will not be able to handle the enormous tonnage that awaits transportation in the valley above here and we have a market available by water to which we are entitled anywhere. Water transportation costs only one-ninth as much as by rail. With the Ohio, Mississippi, Gulf of Mexico and Panama Canal within reach our great coal field is entitled to this opportunity.

Nearly half the expenditure necessary to complete the project has already been made, and only comparatively small benefits have been derived because craft can not get out into the Ohio river. This trouble will be eliminated when the dam now being built above Ashland is completed.

Following is the letter:
Cincinnati, Ohio, Sept. 17, 1912.
Dear Sir:

1. The latest River and Harbor law provides for the re-examination of the project improvements underway in the Big Sandy River between the States of Kentucky and West Virginia.

2. As you doubtless know, when the improvement of this stream was started the territory tributary thereto had little, if any, railroad communication. The purpose of the stream improvement was to provide transportation for the coal found in this country. Congress has authorized this re-examination with a view to further report by the Engineers, on which its subsequent action relative to appropriations for continuing the work or abandonment of the project will probably be based.

3. To prepare this report there has been appointed a Board of Officers, which has requested me, as the local officer, to procure information pertinent to the matter.

4. It is desirable that the Board have available the views of interested parties to this end will you advise me of your opinions in the matter together with succinct reasons therefor, and also as to the names of other interested parties whom I may not have reached? Will you also ask all persons whom you know to be interested in the matter to submit their views. It is particularly desired to hear from the mining interests or other parties who might use the stream if improved and data as definite as practicable as to the amount of probable use is what is primarily wanted.

L. H. RAND.
Major, Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army.

NEW CHAPTER OFFICERS.

Louisa Chapter R. A. M. elected the following officers at a regular meeting held on Friday evening, Sept. 20:

C. C. Hill, H. P. G. R. Lewis, K.; Robt. Dixon, S. G. B. Burgess, C. O. H.; R. G. Williams, P. S.; A. J. Garred, R. A. C.; A. M. Hughes, M. 3rd V.; F. R. Moore, M. 2nd V.; H. E. Evans, M. 1st V.; Augustus Snyder, Treas.; and C. W. Nash, Sec.

THE LUCKY THIRTEEN.

Including Judge and Mrs. O'Brien there were thirteen at their home last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. David Bird had returned from Michigan, Mrs. Bert Shannon was home from Rockcastle, and Mrs. Hannah was up from Lockwood. Children of assorted sexes and ages made up the baker's dozen.

INFORMAL RECEPTION.

The beautiful and hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Burns was the scene of music and merriment, feasting and flowers on Friday evening last, the occasion being an informal reception given in honor of Miss Arline Ochs, of Kenton, O., and Miss Mary O'Brien, of Cleveland, O. These young women had been schoolmates of Miss Shirley Burns, and they have been her very attractive guests for several days. The affair was all but impromptu, but the hostess made sure that nothing was lacking which might in any way contribute to the comfort or pleasure of her local friends and the belles of the Buckeye State. There is a warmth of greeting to all who enter the home of Mr. and Mrs. Burns which is never wanting, and on the evening of which this is written these gracious qualities were very much in evidence. Music, classical and ragged, cards and conversation, and cake and ices such as you don't eat as often as you would like formed part of the delightful entertainment offered by Miss Burns to her school fellows from old Mt. St. Joseph's. "School fellows" doesn't sound very feminine, but it is surely quite as good as "bachelor maids." Both are accomplished girls of much attractiveness of person and manner, culture and refinement.

The piano playing of Miss Ochs is remarkably good and shows much hard study, natural talent and the most careful training. Her playing is at once brilliant and intelligent, and is done with a perfection and feeling of touch which is little short of wonderful. Her rendition of the famous sextette from Lucia with the left hand only is marvelous. It is said that the harp playing of Miss Ochs is even finer than her piano playing.

Music, moonlight, fair women, delicious food. A most delectable combination.

TWO BOYS

Charged With Robbing Same Store Two Nights in Succession.

Information concerning the recent breaking into and robbing of the store of E. E. Shannon led to the arrest on the night of Sept. 19 of two boys, Milt Diamond and Elmer Crabtree, charged with the crime. They were lodged in jail, and about 3 o'clock on the following morning Crabtree made his escape with five others and is still at large. Subsequently Sanford Arnett, aged 12 years, was arrested charged with the same offense. He was admitted to bail and, with Diamond, will have an examination Saturday, the 28th. Diamond and Crabtree are each about 15 years old.

Mr. Shannon has information that these boys had disposed of a quantity of firearms of various kinds and other goods taken from his store, but none of it, so far as the NEWS can learn, has been recovered.

The NEWS doubts if it will do any good, but it can not refrain from pointing a moral in this connection. These lads are probably the victims of circumstances which, under other conditions, might have been different. The lack of parental control is too evident in this community. Boys of tender years are permitted to roam the streets at will and at all hours, their parents at times ignorant or careless of their whereabouts. The result is inevitable.

CHURCH AND RESIDENCE.

The Rev. Charles C. Be, of the Episcopal church, has rented the commodious new residence property of Mrs. Hannah Lackey, next to the Millender home, and will, with his family, soon occupy it. Part of the building will be properly fitted up as a chapel and will be used by the Episcopal Mission of this city. This will be done as soon as possible.

As heretofore stated in the NEWS Mr. Crance has charge of the mountain mission work of the Episcopal church in this diocese. His duties require his presence at various points on the upper Sandy and in Letcher and Harlan counties, but Louisa will be his headquarters, and he will hold regular services in this city.

JAIL DELIVERY.

Prisoners Escaped From Lawrence County's Alleged Prison.

About three o'clock on the morning of Friday last six prisoners confined in the Lawrence county jail for various offenses made their escape by sawing a bar in the window of a cell in the second story. They were Claude and Rassy Sagraves, charged with burglary, Jesse Conn, of Carter county, serving out fines amounting to \$150 for various misdemeanors, Harrison Borders, fine of \$375 for tearing down a sign board, Morton Mosely for shooting on the public highway, \$250, and Elmer Crabtree, charged with burglary. The Sagraves boys are brothers and were held for the burglary of the safe belonging to Dr. John Gambill, of Blaine, and whose arrest has already been chronicled in this paper. It was believed that they would return to their home on Laurel, in Johnson county, and Deputy Sheriff Ed. Ross, Harry Phillips and some others went to that place and had no difficulty in finding the fugitives and bringing them to this city. They were taken before Judge Boggs, who sent them to Boyd county, for safe keeping. The four prisoners who escaped with them are still at large.

Claude Sagraves admits that he sawed the bar that released him. He says he had some fine saws which were concealed in his necktie, and the NEWS understands that Dr. Gambill knows of Sagraves having received saws through the mail. Sagraves says he made a pipe of paper, fitted it to a tin cup and conducted it from a stove to the iron bars of the window and used the gas to heat and soften them. When Claude and his brother were caught the second time the officers also found \$55 in paper, three pistols, several boxes of cartridges, a suit case and two quarts of whiskey.

BULL MOOSE IN FLOYD.

Prestonsburg, Ky., Sept. 21.—The Progressive party organized here today and appointed delegates to attend a district convention to be held at Pikeville next Tuesday. Former Congressman John D. White spoke for two hours, and attacked both the old parties. W. B. Ward, editor of the Big Sandy Monitor, was elected chairman of the County Committee. William H. Layne, a merchant and attorney of this city, secretary, and T. H. Dingess, a traveling salesman and son of former Senator William Dingess, of this city, treasurer. It is expected that the Progressive ticket will take away 50 per cent. of the Republican vote in this county.

JOHNSON COUNTY MAN

Found Dead in Canada.—Looks Like Suicide.

Paintsville, Ky., Sept. 23.—Mrs. Louise Columbus Sunday received word from the authorities at Calgary, Alberta that a man who registered at a hotel there with a young woman as Mr. and Mrs. W. Inthout, and who later was found dead in his bed had been positively identified as her son, Robert Conley, and arrangements have been made to bring the body to this city for burial.

The man and woman died clasped in each other's arms, according to telegraph dispatches, and it was supposed that the deaths were the result of a suicide pact. This is discredited by relatives of the dead man here, however, and while it is stated that he has been in trouble it is not believed that this was such as to cause him to take his life.

Ed Conley, a younger brother of the dead man, Sunday stated that he had seen his brother in the State of Washington a month ago, when the two left there and went to Canada. Mr. Conley left his wife in Washington at that time, and Ed Conley was unable to state whether the young woman who was found dead with Mr. Conley in the Calgary hotel was his wife.

Mrs. Columbus received a message

from an undertaker in Calgary in which it was stated that her son died suddenly and asked for instructions as to the disposition of the body. Inasmuch as the message did not state that indications pointed to the fact that the case was one of suicide, Mrs. Columbus is unwilling to believe that her son killed himself. It is her opinion that he died from heart disease. Telegraph dispatches, however, state that death had been caused by revolver shots.

Mrs. Columbus immediately wired instructions to prepare the body for burial and to ship it to Paintsville where the funeral will be held probably Saturday or Sunday. It is expected that it will require at least four days for the body to reach here.

Mr. Conley left Kentucky about four years ago and located in Washington, where he became a telegraph operator. He married a Western girl. He was twenty-four years old.

Besides his mother and his brother Mr. Conley is survived by two sisters who live in Paintsville, and a half-brother.

CAMPAIGN CHAIRMAN.

The State Democratic Campaign Committee has appointed district and county chairmen to manage the present campaign. The following are those for Lawrence and a few other counties in the Ninth and Tenth Districts:

Lawrence, Robert Dixon, Louisa; Boyd, R. A. Fields, Catlettsburg; Carter, J. W. Waugh, Grayson; Morgan, John B. Phipps, West Liberty, and Elliott, T. T. Mobley, French. For the Tenth District James H. Spradlin, Prestonsburg; Letcher, E. E. Caudill, Whitesburg; Magoffin, Edgar W. Pendleton, Salyersville; Johnson, H. M. Stafford, Paintsville; Floyd, L. P. May, Prestonsburg; Knott, Wm. Sturgill, Hindman; Pike, F. T. Hatcher, Pikeville.

ABOUT OCT. 1st

The Sandy Valley & Elkhorn Railroad Will Start Service.

General Manager William C. Loree, of the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern and Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Roads, who has his headquarters in Cincinnati, yesterday was notified that additional duties will be assigned to him on or about October 1, when it is expected that the Sandy Valley and Elkhorn Railroad, a B. & O. subsidiary will be placed in operation.

The Sandy Valley Road was constructed to reach 10 or more miles that the Consolidation Coal Company is opening to develop its 100,000-acre coal tract in Elkhorn region of Kentucky. The road is owned by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, and as the traffic handled by the C. H. & D. it was decided to place the road under the personal direction of Mr. Loree, who is regarded as one of the best operating officials in the country.

The 2,000 steel gondola cars purchased for the Sandy Valley are now being delivered.

Much of the coal traffic will be routed through Cincinnati to the Great Lakes during the coal season, passing through Toledo. When the lake coal season closes the coal is sent by rail to points in the Northwest out of Toledo.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

DEATH OF F. A. DUPUY.

Mr. Frank Dupuy, formerly of Ironton, O., died at Monrovia, California, recently after a long illness. He was 57 years old and is survived by a widow and four children. Mrs. Dupuy is a sister of Mr. B. F. Thomas, of Cincinnati, and Mr. J. C. Thomas of Toronto, O. Mr. Dupuy was greatly esteemed and respected as a high-toned Christian gentleman.

INSURANCE RATES DROP.

Louisville, Ky., Sept. 22.—Following a meeting of the State Insurance Commission announcement was made to-day that there will be a 41 per cent. reduction on dwellings and their contents in Louisville, and a 25 per cent. on dwellings and contents throughout the state.

POLITICAL FACTS.

Matters of Interest to Every Citizen of This Country.

Glorious Campaign Opening.

Under the most auspicious circumstances, with the skies bright and the air invigorating, and amid historical and encouraging surroundings the campaign in Kentucky for the election of Wilson and Marshall was inaugurated at Woodland Park, Lexington, Thursday, after a memorable march to the grounds to the music of dozens of bands with thousands of voters keeping step.

As chairman of the auditorium audience, Hon. Johnson N. Camden, who is also Chairman of the Democratic Campaign Committee, sounded the keynote of the campaign and he was followed by Governor McCreary, Speaker Champ Clark, blind Senator Gore, Senator Ollie James, Owsley Stanley, Swager Sherley and other distinguished Democrats, who told the story of the achievements and hopes of a reunited and militant democracy, which fired the Democrats' hearts with enthusiasm and determination to help roll up the largest majority in Kentucky since the immortal Tilden carried it by sixty thousand on the platform, the principal plank of which declared for a tariff for revenue only. Every one of the many thousands of Democrats who gathered at Lexington seemed to be thrilled with the inspiration of the times and confident that the lean years for Democracy are almost ended, and that deliverance will come in the election of our matchless ticket. It was indeed a glorious beginning of a fight that will end with one of the most famous victories of modern times.

Time for the Farmers' Innings.

One of the most effective speeches that has been delivered by Governor Wilson during the campaign was that at the farmers' picnic at Washington Park, New Jersey. It was especially prepared for the farmers, who the Governor showed never occupied the center of the stage in politics, and were little considered in legislation. The farmers have demanded no protection, but everything they buy is protected by a heavy tariff which in most cases goes into the pockets of the trusts instead of helping to pay the expenses of the Government. When tariff bills are considered it is the interests that ask to be heard. Who ever thought of the farmers asking to be heard?

"It is time," said Governor Wilson "for you to break into your own house and live there. I want you to examine very critically the tenants who have been occupying it. It is a very big house and very few people have been living in it."

This good advice to the farmers is applicable to all classes that have received little consideration at the hands of the Republicans. There seems to be a general desire for a house cleaning, and it will come in November, if every Democrat does his duty as we are sure they will do when they have such an excellent chance to get possession of the Government, which the Republicans have so long mismanaged.

A Man of Men.

Measured in every way and judged by every standard, Governor Wilson completely fills the bill of a man who should occupy the high office of President of the greatest nation on earth. Capable, scholarly, courageous, safe and patriotic, he will make an ideal President whose single aim will be to obey the constitution and do the greatest good for the greatest number. His majority should be so large that it will serve lasting notice to the interests that this is the government of the people, by the people, and not of the people by the trusts.

No Tainted Money for Wilson.

The announcement is made that the Steel Trust is backing Colonel Roosevelt. Other trusts are also contributing to his campaign, but the bulk of the trust money goes to Taft who signed the Payne-Aldrich Tariff Bill, and vetoed every effort of the Democratic Congress to mitigate in some degree its hardships.

There are no trusts, corporations

or other doubtful concerns behind Governor Wilson, who has positively refused to accept any of their gifts. He is depending alone on the people to finance his campaign and he is not reckoning in vain. When he is elected President, as he seems sure to be and will if every Democrat does his duty, he will take the office free from any entanglement and be the president of the whole people. The prospect of such a change should fire the heart of every patriotic man to help in the accomplishment of so glorious an end.

Governor Marshall.

It was real inspiration that caused the Baltimore Convention to place Governor Thomas R. Marshall on the ticket with Governor Wilson. As Governor of Indiana he has demonstrated his capacity and his public expressions before and after the nomination stamp him as a man that should be honored and trusted. The Governor is a firm believer that any system of government which enables one man to take advantage of another is not a system under which a Democratic condition of life can thrive, and his life-time efforts have been for a return to first principles.

NEW COAL ROAD.

Baltimore, Sept. 23.—The Sandy Valley and Elkhorn railroad, constructed to reach a 100,000-acre tract of coal in the Elkhorn district of Kentucky, was turned over by the contractors and operations undertaken October 1, it was learned to-day.

The road is owned by the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, and its traffic will be largely handled by Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton railway. Because of this close association, it will come under the supervision of W. C. Loree, general manager of the Cincinnati Hamilton and Dayton railway.

BATTLE IN LETCHER.

Three Men Shot During an Attempt to Arrest.

Whitesburg, Ky., Sept. 24.—In a free-for-all fight near McRoberts, the new city on Wright's Fork above here in this county, peace officer James M. Wright, constable James Anderson and Henry Bentley are believed to have been fatally wounded, and another man, Donny Hall, severely wounded, according to accurate telephone advices from the scene.

Officer Wright went to arrest Bentley on a minor charge when Bentley resisted, drawing his revolver.

Wright proved too quick for him and struck Bentley two blows across the forehead, rendering him unconscious.

At this instant Constable Anderson shot Wright, the ball passing through his left shoulder, so on through his left jaw, lodging just back of his left ear, inflicting what are believed to be fatal wounds.

Donny Hall then shot Anderson in the mouth, the ball passing through his head, ranging downward passing out at the back of the neck. Hall was struck twice in the head with a pistol, his nose was knocked off, and should he survive, he will be maimed for life.

Deputy Sheriff Eben Cook went to the scene and made several arrests. Robert Meade, Jr., who was in the battle, escaped and is yet at large. He was the only man who escaped injury.

In Charge of Kentucky River.

Mr. B. F. Thomas, of the U. S. Engineer service, has been placed in charge of the Kentucky river, with headquarters at Frankfort. He has disposed of his Cincinnati property and he and Mrs. Thomas reside in the Capital. The change comes effective October first.

DOUBLE ELECTROCUTION.

The first double electrocution in Kentucky will be held at the Eddyville penitentiary Friday, Sept. 27, at sunrise, when James Smith and Charles Smith, negroes, of Marysville, will pay the penalty for murder of the unknown negro "Ed."